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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Kunio Kobayashi et al.

Application No.: 09/619,699

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Art Unit: 3624

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
QUANTITATIVE COMPETITION AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING  
RECORDED THEREON PROGRAM FOR  
IMPLEMENTING THE METHOD

Examiner: R. C. Weisberger

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated March 23, 2004, applicant elects Group I directed to claims 1-19.

**REMARKS**

There are 97 claims in the application and the restriction requirement pertains to only claims 1-36. Accordingly, it is assumed that the other claims will be examined.

Further, the above election is made with traverse inasmuch as the grouping of claims is believed to be inaccurate the reasons to follow. After favorable reconsideration of the restriction requirement, applicant will cancel and amend the dependencies of the claims as mentioned below.